

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In this response, the title has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 3 has been amended to overcome the objections raised in connection with the specification. More specifically, claim 3 has been amended to change the term "program" to "procedure". Support for this claiming is found in Figs. 6 and 7, and on at least page 17, line 8 to page 18, line 10. The confusion which was indicated to have been induced by the use of the term "another collar" has been resolved.

As to the issue pertaining to "memorizing means for memorizing a procedure" attention is called to at least page 17, line 8 to page 18, line 14, wherein a memory and an antenna unit 300, a wireless data communication unit 301, a GPS unit 302, a memory 303, and a control unit 304, are disclosed along with disclosure of the operations which are performed given the existence of predetermined conditions. It is submitted that a detailed description of a program or the like which is used to implement the search and recovery steps which are disclosed in the specification, is not necessary as the implementation of the claimed invention, without the need to resort to undue experimentation, is well within the purview of a person skilled in this art. Figs. 3 and 7, and associated disclosure, for example, provide adequate guidance for implementing the claimed structure.

Inasmuch as all of the issues which have been raised have been resolved by the amendments to claim 3 and in that no art has been applied with respect to novelty/obviousness, it is submitted that claims 2 and 3 stand in allowable condition.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is therefore
courteously solicited.

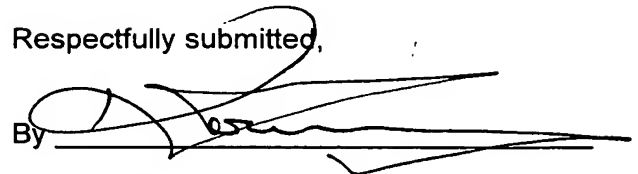
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